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1. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN, REACTING TO LEMONDE STORY REPORTED REFTEL, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT ANY ALTERATION IN PRODUCTION SCHEDULE CONCORDE WOULD HAVE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN BRITISH AEROSPACE MINISTER HESELTINE MET WITH FRENCH TRANSPORT MINISTER GUENA IN LONDON MAY 17, THE TWO AGREED THAT DECISIONS REGARDING PRODUCTION SCHEDULE OF CONCORDE AND QUESTION OF MERGING DUAL PRODUCTION LINES INTO ONE WOULD BE TAKEN " LATER THIS YEAR" AFTER MANUFACTURERS HAD REPORTED TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. DTI SAID IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT SUCH DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE IN THE AUTUMN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION JUNE 22, MINISTER HESELTINE REPORTED THAT CONCORDEPROJECT COSTS HAD RISEN A FURTHER 95 MILLION POUNDS TO A PRESENT TOTAL OF 1,065 MILLION POUNDS.

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